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SEPTEMBER: SUMMER ENDS, A NEW SEASON BEGINS

No time will be lost in shedding the relaxed ways of summer at the Historical Society. In quick succession there will be - a formal dedication of the Herb Garden on September 14th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; the Woman's Committee monthly meetings resume at Greenfield Hall on the fourth Tuesday of the Month .. September 28th at 10:00 a.m.; and the Society will hold its first general meeting in the auditorium of Borough Hall on Tuesday, September 21st at 8:00 p.m.

At the September 21st meeting, Joan L. Aiken and William Blake will present "An Illustrated Architectural History of Haddonfield, 18th and 19th Centuries." This is the program prepared for the Bicentennial Year and shown in March at Greenfield Hall. Those who saw it then unanimously agreed it surpassed their expectations and should be seen by a wider audience. Mrs. William E. Moody, program chairman, observed, "Much as we think we have seen or heard just about all there is to be known about Haddonfield's homes, Mrs. Aiken and Mr. Blake have uncovered many fascinating details about several of the houses you will see."

The Time: 8:00 p.m. The Place: Auditorium, Borough Hall

OCTOBER: THE 1976 CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Eight homes - among them Mrs. Jesse G. Haydock's "Journey's End," Mr. and Mrs. John Majka's Swinkler Home; Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Atkinson's ca. 1810 residence on Potter Street; Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Clymer's "Birdwood" Farmer's Cottage; Mr. and Mrs. Blaine S. Purnell's Connecticut Salt Box, and the Friends' Meeting House - will be open Saturday, October 16th, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. Whether in the brilliance of an early Fall evening or the soft glow of candlelight, Haddonfield and its charming homes will be seen at their best. An added attraction to this year's Candlelight Tour will be a display, assembled just for this occasion, of American flags dating back to 1849.

MORE IN OCTOBER

Samuel Mickle House Drive: Fund Drive chairman, General Thomas

H. Lipscomb, relates that with the exception of some small, but important, details everything is in readiness for launching the drive for funds to complete Phase II, the interior restoration and furnishing. Formal inauguration of the campaign will be announced shortly.

Annual Membership Drive: One of the society's largest sources of income - if not the largest - is membership dues. Mrs. Edward E. Krauss, Jr., Membership Chairman, makes the following request: "When our membership renewal is delivered, please respond. We appreciate your interest in and we value your support of our many programs. We need your continuing help."

A RUEFUL ERROR

In the June issue of the "Newsletter," Mrs. J. Howard Branson was identified as "President" of the Haddonfield Garden Club. Had good editorial procedure been followed and the proper checking done, it would have quickly been established that Mrs. John G. Ries is the current president. The "Newsletter" extends sincere apologies to Mrs. Branson for the embarrassment this oversight caused her.

SUMMER OPENINGS

Even a cursory scan of the Society's Guest Book tells that for the hostesses on duty Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoons this summer, the time must have gone quickly and pleasantly. From July 4th when a Bicentennial quilt was on loan to Labor Day Sunday, several individuals and families accepted the Society's invitation to "Come In." In addition to visitors from Haddonfield and adjacent communities, guests came from such cities, near and far, as Portland, Oregon; Asheville, N. C.; New Orleans, La.; Griffin, Ga., Baltimore, Md. and London, England.

Sunday hours - from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. - will be continued through October 10th. A very special vote of thanks should be extended to Alice Wood for the hours she spent on the phone persuading members to take a turn as hostess and to all those who gave up a summer afternoon to welcome visitors to the Society.

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